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Republicans Forfe Comm
tee to Agree to Bring
Up Question.
CONSIDER 75 MEASURES
G. O. P. Threatened to Ca
Caucus and Put Party
Vote on Record.
The group of Republicans in the

House who favor the enactment of the soldiers' bonus legislation scored a triumph yesterday, when, in the face of their threat to force a caucus, they put the party on record, the Steiwer Committee agreed to take definite action in the matter next week.

Following the conference of the bonus advocates, when it was determined to force the party leaders to assist from blocking consideration of the soldiers' bills, the committee

four timed by the conference in
with the Steering Committee yester-
day. Here is the proposal made
by the Steering Committee:

Committee's Proposal.

The railroad bill and other im-
portant matters are scheduled to come
next week, and delegations from the
American Legion are expected here to
confer with members of Congress
on bonus legislation and universal mil-
itary training. If the bonus advoca-
tes may agree to withhold for a
month or so, action looking toward the for-
mation of a caucus, the Steering Com-

The committee of four reported back to their colleagues the result of the conference with the Steering Committee, and after a discussion of more than an hour, Representative Morgan of Oklahoma, chairman of the conference, stated:

"We have decided to give the Steering Committee the one week it requested."

No Definite Plan

The bonus advocates have no special plan to urge. Most of them seem to favor a selective scheme, under which a former service man could exercise his preference, either for a cash payment or a loan to acquire a home in a city or a farm.

In the House yesterday afternoon Representative Osborne, Republican of California, and a veteran of the civil war, made a strong plea for favorable action on his bill which provides for a bonus of \$1 a day for each day served to be paid in "World War Veteran Bonds."

"There is no obligation of the people of the United States, whether it be written in the laws or simply be recorded in the hearts of the people, greater than that which the nation owes to its soldiers and sailors who have served it in war," said Mr. Osborne.

Farmers' Meeting Here To Take Political Stand

More than 200 farm leaders met

representing thirty organizations and the thirty-five States will meet for a two-day conference at the National Board of Farm Organizations headquarters, 1111 I street, Thursday morning, with C. Barrett, chairman of the National Farmers' Union, presiding. A number of Senators and Representatives and governors of States will address the meeting.

It is expected some effort will be made to formulate a policy in relation to the coming elections and also to prepare a questionnaire to be sent to candidates, the answers to which

tical politicians long since lost confidence in the labor vote as an element of strength. The working man has not infrequently shown great energy and effectiveness in defeating those against whom he cherished a grudge, but the history of American politics is full of the defeats of men who have staked their all upon service to a capitalized labor.

Politicians comment acridly upon the fact that the Adamson law, possibly the greatest government concession ever made to organized labor, was immediately followed by the defeat of the party responsible for it in the States where railroad labor, thus favored, was most powerful. And indeed while the early record of the Democratic Administration seemed one of rather servile concession of labor's demands later incidents, such as action in the coal miners' strike estranged the friends thus made.

Some consideration, too, is likely to be given to the attitude of candidates on foreign affairs—even the League of Nations itself is an issue. The Irish agitation is fair to be at its height at convention time, and will unquestionably make itself felt in the committee on resolutions as well as in

choice of candidates. But here again is a force of questionable power. The Irish vote is not what it once was in the United States, and the utterances of certain Irish agitators in this country have estranged multitudes of voters who cannot forget that Germany was our enemy in the Great Britain our ally in the recent war. Instead of vice versa. The American Legion voters, who number reckoned in the millions, are scarcely being swayed by sympathy with a cause many of whose spokesmen did not hesitate to deplore German defeat. On the other

Into the availability of a candidate on either ticket a multitude of considerations will enter. Whether the historic fight for New York at New Jersey is going to engage the attention of campaign committees or whether the lesson of 1916 will make the Pacific coast the Armageddon is of vital importance to the fortunes of McAdoo, Palmer, Nichols as Murray Butler, Hiram Johnson

poindexter or Hoover. If the party is to split on the treaty and the resultant fortunes of certain candidates will be affected for better or worse. But even if middle ground is taken on this topic, as if the Middle West be turned to look a candidate the questions of prohibition, suffrage, labor and his attitude toward foreign problems will be the shibboleths upon which decision will rest.